

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

### In San-Na-Zaro.

In San-Na-Zaro's gardens  
The nightingales are still—  
They know a sweeter voice than theirs,  
In passing from the hill,  
And the white rose and the crimson,  
Their heads are bending low,  
For roses lie on Lucia's breast,  
And Lucia does not know—  
Pale roses, all too tightly clasped,  
In hands as cold as snow.

In San-Na-Zaro's cloisters,  
By one dim altar-light,  
The gray-haired monks are met to judge  
Their youngest anchorite:  
For Hugo knelt in open hall  
When passing prayers were read,  
And kissed with white and shaking lips  
The still face of the dead—  
"The love I might not give to life,  
I give to Death," he said.

The monks of San-Na-Zaro,  
Their doom have spoken now,  
They cannot know when breaking hearts  
Assail a broken vow.  
But in the funeral chamber,  
Amid the dim light gloom,  
The pale hands laid on Lucia's breast,  
Unfold in perfect bloom,  
And that calm smile the dying lips  
Had lost, the dead resume.

And in San-Na-Zaro's gardens,  
Now when the night is dim,  
Young Hugo comes, and nightingales,  
Have songs alone for him.  
And the white rose and the crimson,  
All down their bending rows,  
Lean close to touch his clasped hands,  
And whisper as he goes,  
"Thy kiss hath waked a heart in heaven;  
She knows now, Lucia knows."  
—William Hervey Woods in February Harpers.

### Mrs. Sutro at Hot Springs.

Mrs. Theodore Sutro, founder of and first president of the National Federation of Musical Clubs and member of many clubs and philanthropic organizations, who has been at the Homestead Hotel, Virginia Hot Springs, Va., and will probably remain there for some months.

Mrs. Sutro has been at the "Homestead" since December, as she has been very ill from pleurisy with effusion, and is now slowly recovering. Some pleasant entertainments have been given in her honor by the guests of the "Homestead."

Mrs. R. W. Steele gave a luncheon recently. The guests were: Senator and Mrs. Thomas C. Pratt, the Rev. Dr. Scott, of Virginia, Mrs. Overman, Mr. and Mrs. Tedcastle, Mr. and Mrs. Malbino, Mrs. Donohoe, Miss Marjorie Winants and Mr. Kirkpatrick.

Mrs. Sutro has for many years been one of the active patronesses of the charity ball in aid of the Nursery and Child's Hospital, and her absence this year was much regretted by her hosts of friends in New York.

### Gathering in Baltimore.

The annual convention of the National Woman's Suffrage Association will meet to-day in the Hotel Belvedere, Baltimore. Among the prominent women to attend the convention will be the honorary president of the association, Miss Susan B. Anthony, Miss M. Carey Thomas, president of Bryn Mawr College, Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, famous as the author of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic"; Mrs. D. R. Anthony, widow of Colonel Anthony, of Leavenworth, Kansas, and of Kansas was border fame; her daughter, Miss Mary Anthony; Mrs. Harry Taylor Union, of Warren, O.; Miss Kate Gordon, of New Orleans, national secretary, and Miss Alice Stone Blackwell, recording secretary.

One of the most interesting features at the convention will be the Rev. Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, of Philadelphia, who will preside at the service next Sunday afternoon, when all taking part in the service will be feminine ministers.

During Miss Anthony's travel through California in a recent suffrage campaign, her train stopped ten minutes at Santa Maria, and the lecturer found herself stepping out on a platform covered with roses. A Western poet wrote of the incident:

She walked on roses; she, whose feet  
Have trod so long the stony ways;  
They tread, and she, who led mankind to greet  
The coming of a brighter day,  
She, who a lifetime's length has borne  
From mocking lips the bitter taunts,  
Derision's cruel gibes and sneers,  
Yet still preserved that nature sweet,  
No ridicule, contempt, nor scorn,  
Defiant, and yet again defiant,  
The dauntless soul could ever daunt.  
She, who for half a hundred years  
Of heart and mind the rarest powers  
Has given the world—sure it were meet  
That to receive her steps we lay  
A carpet of earth's choicest flowers,  
O'erlaid with St. Anthony's prayer  
That when your Ireland journey done,  
Homelike you turn those longing eyes  
Toward that far other golden shore—  
Beyond the setting sun it lies—  
Your spirit tread forevermore  
The fairest blooms of Paradise.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS.

#### Cunningham—Cabaniss.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cabaniss, of Macon, Ga., announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Emma Cabaniss, to Dr. Frank W. Cunningham, formerly of Richmond, but more recently of Macon. The marriage will take place in April. Dr. Cunningham is the son of Captain Frank W. Cunningham, of Richmond. He was graduated from the Medical College of Virginia. The marriage will be of interest in the States of Virginia, New York and Georgia, in which the young couple have a host of friends.

#### Strachan—Wilcox.

The marriage of Miss Virginia Douglas Wilcox, of Charles City county, to Mr. T. Gordon Strachan, of Petersburg, is announced to take place February 21st, in the home of Judge and Mrs. Thomas H. Wilcox, of Freemason street, Norfolk. Miss Wilcox is a sister of Judge Wilcox, other members of her family in Norfolk being Messrs. Edward and Junius Wilcox.

#### Slack—Kensett.

A social event of interest will be the wedding in St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

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### Poems You Ought to Know.

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Professor Charles Elliot Norton.

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### BRUCE AND THE SPIDER.

By BERNARD BARTON.

Bernard Barton, "The Quaker Poet," was born near London, England, in 1834, and died in 1895. From 1859 until his death, Mr. Barton held a clerkship in a London bank. At one time he thought of resigning the position in order to devote his life entirely to literature, but he was dissuaded from taking this step by his friend, Charles Lamb. Lord Byron thought highly of his poetical talents. The story of Robert Bruce and his attempts to win the Scottish crown is well known to all lovers of history.

FOR Scotland's and for freedom's right  
The Bruce his part had played,  
In five successive fields of fight  
Been conquered and dismayed;  
Once more against the English host  
His hand he led, and once more lost  
The need for which he fought;  
And now from battle, faint and worn,  
The homeless fugitive forlorn  
A hut's lone shelter sought.

And cheerless was that resting-place  
For him who claimed a throne;  
His canopy, devoid of grace,  
The rude, rough beams alone;  
The heather couch his only bed—  
Yet well I ween had slumber fled  
From couch of elderdown;  
Through darkness night till dawn of day,  
Absorbed in wakeful thoughts, he lay  
Of Scotland and her crown.

The sun rose brightly, and its gleam  
Fell on that hapless bed,  
And tinged with light each shapeless beam  
Which roofed the lowly shed;  
When, looking up with wistful eye,  
The Bruce beheld a spider try  
His frim thread to fling  
From beam to beam of that rude cot;  
And well the insect's toilsome lot  
Taught Scotland's future king.

Six times the gossamer thread  
The wary spider threw;  
In vain the filmy line was sped,  
For powerless or untrue  
Each aim appeared, and back recoiled.  
The patient insect, six times foiled,  
And yet unconquered still;  
And soon the Bruce, with eager eye,  
Saw him prepare once more to try  
His courage, strength and skill.

One effort more, his seventh and last—  
The hero hailed the sign!  
And on the wished-for beam hung fast  
That slender, silken line!  
Slight as it was, his spirit caught  
The more than omen, for his thought  
The lesson well could trace,  
Which even "he who runs may read,"  
That Perseverance gains its meed,  
And Patience wins the race.

This series began in The Times-Dispatch Sunday, Oct. 11, 1903. One is published each day.

Norfolk, Va., at 7:30 o'clock this evening, of Miss Lillian Daggett Kensett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harrison Kensett, to Mr. Norman Hedgehog Slack, of Roncoveite, West Virginia, the Rev. William E. Barr officiating.

Miss Nan Kensett will be maid of honor, and Mr. Collett, of New York, best man. The bridesmaids will be Misses Margaret Graciot, Elsie Hamilton, Mabel Chamberlaine, Alice Old, Janie Gresham, Louie Sharp and Mildred Kensett. The list of groomsmen will include Messrs. Kensett Brown, of New York; Harrison Cassard, of Baltimore; W. T. Williamson, of Charleston, W. Va.; John W. Slack and Mr. John Hutchinson, of Roncoveite, W. Va.; Mr. Charles B. Cook and Captain Kensett, of Norfolk, Va. The bride and groom will take place Wednesday, February 21st, at Christ Episcopal Church, in Norfolk, and other Pacific coast resorts.

Mr. and Mrs. George William Ramsay, of Washington, D. C., announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Halie Ramsay, to Dr. Clement Ellis Conner, of Harrisonburg, Va. The wedding will take place Wednesday, February 21st, at Christ Episcopal Church, in Washington.

The formal opening of the Woman's Club in Freemason Street, Norfolk, Monday afternoon marked an era in local history.

The house, now occupied by the club, was formerly the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Thom, and has been thoroughly and extensively repaired. Tea was served from 4 to 6 o'clock, and an attractive musical programme was rendered.

Club members were received by the Entertainment Committee that includes: Mrs. William H. White, Mrs. Caldwell Hardy, Mrs. Frank Clark and Mrs. Adam Treadwell. These ladies will be assisted by Mrs. Willoughby Cooke and Mrs. Richard McIlwaine, Jr.

At Woman's Club.  
"Books of the year" formed the pleasant subject of discussion at the Woman's Club last afternoon. Mrs. Rankin is a clever reviewer of current literature.

store and include the oldest Episcopal Church in America, which, located at Jamestown, has long lain in ruins, uncare for and unoccupied.

This historic little edifice was built shortly after the landing of the first settlers on American soil in 1606, and the date set for the opening of the exposition marks the 200th anniversary of the founding.

Arrangements for the exhibit, which it is proposed to keep open for a week or more, are upon an elaborate scale, offering rare opportunities to lovers of the antique. With the view of permitting plenty of space for the treasures loaned, as well as the greater comfort of visitors, the committee are considering an offer for the use of the Octagon House, the famous old Taylor mansion, at present occupied by the Association of American Architects.

Arrangements are in the hands of Mrs. Raldis Hoge, formerly Miss Rose Gouvenir, chairman of the committee of Colonial Dames. It has not, however, been definitely decided that the present plans will be carried out, as much must be considered before final arrangements can be completed.

The Octagon is one of the few remaining historic homes in the District, and enjoys the distinction of having sheltered Dolly Madison upon that memorable night in which the British entered Washington and set fire to the White House.

Mrs. Madison's escape was effected none too soon, and in accepting the hospitality of her friend, Mrs. Taylor, the President's wife, hastily cut the Constitution from its frame and carried it with her to a place of safety.

For many years the mansion was deserted and given up to the rats through general condemnation as haunted, during which time no end of stories were circulated in its connection. No colored resident of the neighborhood could be persuaded to pass near it after nightfall, and the gruesome sounds heard emanating from the house by chance pedestrians were sufficient to give confirmation to any amount of superstitious theories.

Central Committee Meet.  
The central committee of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities will meet in the rooms of the Historical Association building to-day at noon.

Members of the committee who have not yet paid their dues are requested to bring them to this meeting and save the expense to the association of a collector.

### Japanese Chocolate.

The young ladies of St. Patrick's Church will give a Japanese chocolate and musical on Thursday evening, February 15th, at 8 o'clock, in the basement of the church, for the benefit of the Sunday school.

### Brennan—Schelers.

The marriage of Miss Katherine Brennan Schelers to Mr. Thomas Martin Brennan has been announced. The ceremony will take place in St. Mary's Church, Wednesday morning, February the twenty-first, at eleven o'clock. No cards. After March the tenth Mr. and Mrs. Brennan will be at home to their friends at No. 216 Ashton Place, Durham, North Carolina.

### OF GENERAL INTEREST.

#### Pound Party Postponed.

For satisfactory reasons, the pound party announced to take place on February 5th, for the benefit of the Retreat for the Sick, has been postponed.

#### To Address Council.

Mrs. D. E. Levy, of Norfolk, will address the Council of Jewish Women in Temple Beth Ahabah Wednesday afternoon, February 7th, at 4 o'clock. Reception, at which refreshments will be served, will follow the address.

#### Washington Society.

The event of the week in the social world of Washington was the reception given by Vice-President and Mrs. Fairbanks Saturday evening to the Senate and the House of Representatives. These officials and their wives and daughters attended in large numbers. Besides Cabinet officers and other government officials, and a large number of leading Washington correspondents were also present.

The reception had some of the features of those given at the White House, but it had other which made it infinitely more enjoyable. There was not the crush, nor the confusion which make attendance on one of the White House functions a very doubtful pleasure, and which cause one to go but once in a lifetime, as a rule. The spacious vice-presidential residence at Seventeenth and K Streets, interiorly and exteriorly one of the handsomest in the national capital, was beautifully decorated with palms and flowers, and strings of delicious music were furnished by a section of the Marine Band the entire evening.

The supper table could not fail to attract the Southern-born guest, as it was most liberally adorned with Smithfield hams, roasted to a nut brown. No poet ever mixed the red of roses and the brown of the Smithfield, nor the fragrance of the two, but the combination evidently pleased the guests of the Vice-President and Mrs. Fairbanks.

Senator Martin, Senator Overman, Senator Clay, were Southern senators present. Representative Rixey and Mr. Rixey were Virginians who called during the evening. Mrs. Martin was of the receiving line.

Representative and Mrs. William A. Jones were guests at dinner at the White House on Wednesday night. Senator and Mrs. Overman were also guests at the dinner.

Mrs. Simmons, wife of the senator from North Carolina, and Mrs. Overman, wife of the junior senator, Mrs. Latimer, wife of the senator from South Carolina; Mrs. Pike, wife of the senator from Washington, and Mrs. Gamble, wife of the senator from from South Dakota, joined forces in a reception Tuesday afternoon at the Cochran, where they are spending the winter. It was very largely attended.

### Southerners in Washington.

Miss Alice Baird, of Charlotte, N. C., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Johnson, No. 41 I Street, Washington. Miss Baird is on her way home from a visit to friends in York, Pa. She has the unique distinction of possessing the right to prefix the title of "colonel" to her name. Governor Glenn, at a reception given him in Charlotte last year, formally commissioned Miss Baird a member of his staff, with the rank and title of colonel.

Miss Venable, of Virginia, is the guest of Mrs. George Tully Vaughan, at No. 17 S Street.

Penned on the tag of a parcel, which came to Miss Roosevelt from London last week, were the words: "The Americans are glad it ain't no duke." The scrawl was evidently that of some messenger boy. He took few words to voice the general national sentiment.

Senator and Mrs. Martin were among guests at a dinner given by Senator and Mrs. Elinor last week, in honor of the Vice-President and Mrs. Fairbanks.

Miss Rosa M. Bruce, of Suffolk, Va., who has been the guest of Miss E. Elinor Taggart, of Washington, left for her home Friday. She was the recipient of much social attention while in Washington.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Florence Rae Elchberg, of Alexandria, and Mr. Bernard W. Edwards, of Washington.

Mrs. Robert Porter, of No. 110 Sixteenth Street, is not able to make call

at present owing to ill health, but is at home on Wednesdays. It is said the Porters will not go abroad this summer, but will spend the hot season at their country house at Manassas, one of the most beautiful residences in Virginia.

### Personal Mention.

Misses Ann Urner and Marquerite Manor, of Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, are in the city for a short visit.

Mr. S. G. Mason spent Sunday in Washington.

Mr. C. L. Pfeifer, of Richmond, is registered at Hotel Carroll, in Lynchburg.

Misses Susie and Rachel Mitchell are the guests of their aunt, Mrs. K. O. Snyder, of Newport News.

The German Club, of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, will give its mid-winter dance on Friday evening, February 9th, in the club hall at Blacksburg. Many out-of-town girls will be present to take part in the ball.

Mrs. W. F. Walsh has returned to Richmond after a visit to her father, Detective Griffin, in Roanoke.

Mr. W. S. Bell, of Richmond, is in Radford on business.

Miss Anna A. Stelling, of Guilford, Md., who is now at the Martha Washington Hospital in Fredericksburg, has been engaged as superintendent of the Newport News General Hospital and will enter upon her new duties March 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Chapman, of Tazewell, Va., are visiting in Richmond and Washington.

Mrs. Camillus Christian and Miss Mary Christian, of Lynchburg, are the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Young.

Dr. J. Walter Witten, of this city, is visiting relatives in Tazewell, Va.

Mrs. John R. Rosebro, of Fredericksburg, is visiting relatives here.

Miss Margaret Williams is the guest of Miss Janie Edwards in Danville.

Dr. George H. Denny, of Washington and Lee University, was among the Lexington visitors in the inauguration of Governor Swanson.

Miss Ada Heller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Heller, of Winchester, was among the dancers at the third ball of the Harmony Circle given in Baltimore Friday evening.

Mr. J. H. Stephenson, of Monterey, Va., has gone to Staunton, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Josie Stephenson, who has recently undergone an operation in a Richmond hospital, but who is now able to resume her studies at the Mary Baldwin Seminary.

Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Valentine are in Fredericksburg, where Mr. Valentine goes to view the monument to General Mercer.

Miss M. Robinson, of Danville, is the guest of Miss Mira Jones, of No. 225 South Third street.

Mr. B. D. Ryland, of Lynchburg, is in the city on business.

Miss Vivian Clayton, of Virginia, who is visiting in Los Angeles, Cal., has had several social functions given in her honor, among them a ball and party and dinner given recently by Mrs. W. B. Burrows.

Mrs. Samuel D. Pointer, of Gloucester county, is visiting Mrs. Nannie Richardson, of No. 120 Hanover avenue.

The Rev. Dr. T. H. Law and wife, of Spartanburg, S. C., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Catlin.

Dr. Arthur O. Sykes, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Newport News, is in the city.

The Rev. Dr. B. F. Wilson, of Harrisonburg, is in Richmond for a short visit.

The many friends of Mr. James M. Cardoza in this city will regret to learn of his departure for Atlanta, where he has accepted a position with the State Mutual Life Insurance Company of Georgia.

Miss Elizabeth Brander, says the Virginian-Pilot, is expected this week to visit Mrs. W. H. Venable at the Mount Vernon, in Norfolk.

Mrs. Jones, wife of Representative William A. Jones, who is spending the winter with her husband in Washington, D. C., will receive from 4 to 7 P. M., to-day, with Miss Rosa Tucker, Mrs. Bookout, Miss Foster, Miss Mary Rixey, and Miss Annie Rose Walker, of this city.

Miss Myra Barrand, of this city, is the guest of Mrs. Stribling Marshall, of Portsmouth, Va.

Misses Margaret McGuire and Mildred Boyd, of Richmond, were guests at a collation given last week by Mr. G. Arthur Gordon in the home of General and Mrs. Gordon, of Savannah, Ga.

Mrs. William E. Seal and her daughter, little Miss Mary Virginia Seal, and their cousin, Mrs. R. W. Spilman, left yesterday afternoon for Jacksonville, St. Augustine, Gainesville and Tampa, Fla., where they will spend about a month. While in Gainesville they will be the guests of Mrs. J. C. Clarke.

Miss Minnie Beck is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Carey W. Butt, in Charlotte, N. C.

Miss Julia Joyner has returned from New York city, where she has been spending some time.

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